

BY TELEGRAPH.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, September 14.—The last commission of General Sherman as Secretary of War superseded the *ad interim* commission, and makes him Secretary of War absolutely and *de facto*, until some other name shall be sent to the Senate. The President and members of his Cabinet hold that there is no law to prevent General Sherman filling both the offices of Secretary of War and General of the army, the only objection being that he cannot receive pay for both, and must elect which salary he will receive. Indeed, it is now held by prominent officials that there is no law of the United States to prevent a man holding two offices, and several of them do that very thing.

The Sabine left Chagbrow for Lisbon on the 20th. The reported mutiny was not mentioned in official letters.

The Lighthouse Board have accounts from lighthouses on the New England coast, showing very great injury to shipping from the late storm, so far as heard no lighthouse has been injured.

The postoffice report shows that a million and a half of the appropriations for its support are expended.

It is estimated that the September debt statement will show a decrease of from eight to ten millions.

The Revenue Department forbids the sale of liquor from ordinary stand casks.

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